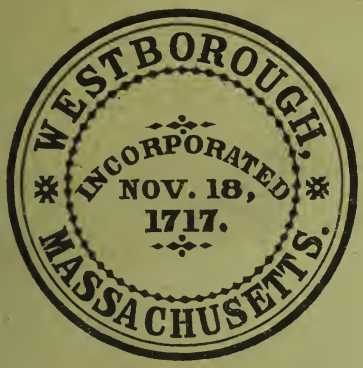
-7
5-23R
917

REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of Town Library



1917

WESTBOROUGH, MASS.
CHRONOTYPE PRINTING COMPANY
1918

027
W523R
1917-18

REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of Town Library

1917

WESTBOROUGH, MASS.
CHRONOTYPE PRINTING COMPANY
1918

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2016

https://archive.org/details/reportoftrustees1917west

Library

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Frank W. Forbes	Term expires		1918
Charles S. Henry	"	"	1918
Walter C. Metcalf	"	"	1918
Henry L. Chase	"	"	1919
Melvin H. Walker	"	"	1919
Emma S. Nourse	"	"	1919
Abbie F. Judd	"	"	1920
Joseph H. Reilly	"	"	1920
Elizabeth G. Harrington	"	"	1920

BOARD OF ORGANIZATION

Melvin H. Walker, *Chairman*
Frank W. Forbes, *Vice Chairman*
Abbie F. Judd, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Charles S. Henry

BOOK COMMITTEE

C. S. Henry F. W. Forbes A. F. Judd
E. G. Harrington W. C. Metcalf

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

M. H. Walker E. S. Nourse J. H. Reilly H. L. Chase

ART COMMITTEE

A. F. Judd E. S. Nourse C. S. Henry

Librarian - Flora Belle Brigham

Assistant Librarian - Gladys Ainsworth

Janitor - Charles S. Marshall

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

H. W. KIMBALL, Treasurer, in account with the
Town of Westboro, Mass., Public Library Trustees.

Jan. 1, 1917 DR.

To cash on hand	$ 9 03	
appropriation	800 00	
Dog Fund	423 45	
bequest of Lucy H. Brigham	1,000 00	
receipts from Geo. N. Smalley fund	796 06	
receipts from Susan L. Bowman fund	40 40	
receipts at library	125 17	
		$3,194 11

CR.

By amount paid librarian and assistants	$1,025 19	
" " janitor	517 17	
" " for fuel	289 82	
" " for lighting	82 34	
" " for insurance	37 62	
" " for water rates	6 50	
" " for sewer assessment	2 25	
" " for carting ashes	9 75	
" " for inspecting boiler	2 00	
" " grass seed and fertilizer	5 19	
" " Library Art Club	6 00	

By amount paid A. L. A. Pub. Board.....	$ 1 00	
" " for repairs.....	21 43	
" " for supplies.....	62 53	
" " for postal cards, bulletins, indexes etc.....	73 50	
" " for binding.....	38 82	
" " for publicity work.....	13 00	
" " town treasurer, bequest of Lucy H. Brigham	1,000 00	
		$3,194 11

LYMAN BELKNAP FUND

Jan. 1, 1917 DR.

To amount of fund as reported.....		$2,000 00

Dec. 31, 1917 CR.

By deposit in Worcester County Institution for Savings.....	$1,000 00	
By deposit in Mechanics Savings Bank, Worcester.....	1,000 00	
		$2,000 00

INCOME ACCOUNT

Jan. 1, 1917 DR.

To unexpended income.....	$638 00	
dividends on deposit in Worcester County Institution for Savings to July 1, 1917.....	49 22	
dividends on deposit in Mechanics Savings Bank, Worcester, to July 1, 1917	49 22	
dividends on deposit in Westboro Savings Bank to Aug. 1, 1917.....	8 08	
		$744 52

Dec. 31, 1917	CR.		
By deposit in Worcester County Institution for Savings		$268 16	
deposit in Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank		268 16	
deposit in Westboro Savings Bank		208 20	
			$744 52

SUSAN L. BOWMAN FUND

Jan. 1, 1917	DR.		
To amount of fund as reported			$1,000 00
Dec. 31, 1917	CR.		
By deposit in Westboro Savings Bank			$1,000 00

INCOME ACCOUNT

	DR.		
To dividends for 1917 on deposit in Westboro Savings Bank			$40 40
	CR.		
By income paid to Public Library Trustees			$40 40

G. N. SMALLEY FUND

Jan. 1, 1917	DR.		
To amount of fund as reported			$20,000 00
Dec. 31, 1917	CR.		
By investments in railroad and municipal bonds		$19,336 25	
cash deposited in Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank		663 75	
			$20,000 00

INCOME ACCOUNT

Jan. 1, 1917	DR.		
To unexpended income		$705 00	
income from investments received in 1917		804 88	
			$1,509 88

Dec. 31, 1917 CR.

By amount paid treasurer library trustees	$796 06	
rent of safe deposit vault.....	10 00	
expense of visit to vault.....	3 82	
unexpended income deposited in Worcester County Institution for Savings.....	700 00	
		$1,509 88

H. W. KIMBALL,

Treasurer.

About the only thing of importance left for the trustees to chronicle after the full and excellent report of the librarian, is a gift to the library by Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Forbes of a framed oil painting by David Howard Hitchcock of Honolulu, of the great crater of Lilaliea on the side of Mauna Loa on the island of Hawaii. This is the only continuously active crater in the world, and an object of interest to all visitors to the island. Mr. and Mrs. Forbes placed the order for the picture when on their trip to Hawaii last winter, and the picture arrived here June first. It hangs up stairs in the art hall and is well lighted by a special gallery light provided with the picture. It has attracted much attention, and the trustees greatly appreciate the gift.

No change has occurred this year in the working force of the library, and as usual the service has been satisfactory. The librarian, Miss Flora B. Brigham, has been voted a leave of absence from January fifteenth to spend the winter in Florida.

Free use of the library hall has been given for various meetings of the Red Cross and other charitable organizations, and on one afternoon in the month for six months the same courtesy has been extended to the Woman's Club for

meetings in the interests of library extension, when talks have been given by a member of the board of trustees of the library on the book accessions of each month with other news of literary interest. The object of this has been to stimulate an increased circulation of the new books best worth reading, and to give busy women some idea of what these books contain.

Books have been added to the library shelves every week as usual.

We recommend for library purposes for the year 1918 an appropriation of the Dog Fund ($412.69) and an additional sum of $800 and the receipts of the library.

ABBIE F. JUDD,
Secretary.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Westborough Public Library:

The annual report of the librarian for the year ending December 31, 1917 is herewith presented.

Though statistics by no means express the essential work of a library, yet they are the only tangible proof of the work which has been accomplished during the year.

CIRCULATION

In circulation, there has been a noticeable decrease owing, in a large measure, to the amount of time now spent in war relief work. Thirty-five thousand, one hundred forty-six volumes have been loaned for home, school, and reference use. War books continue to be in constant demand, in fact they are representative of the waiting list. The magazines, too, have a large number of readers.

The new plan, adopted during the year, of allowing each patron as many books as he needs or wants has proved most satisfactory. The High School scholars appreciate the privilege of keeping a required reading book as long as neces-

sary, provided that there is no call for it. No books have been lost under this system which proves its value.

REFERENCE WORK

The reference work continues to grow in the same proportion as other activities of the library. It is unfortunate that in this phase of library work, which everyone agrees is the most important, we have no definite record of work done nor results obtained. We can only say that the school and student work has made many demands upon this department and that we have tried to do our "bit" for scholars and club workers.

Mention should be made of the Inter-Library Loan department through which we have obtained books from the Boston and Worcester libraries. We certainly appreciate the service rendered to us by libraries whose resources are greater than ours.

In the afternoon, the reading room is well filled with readers and students, but the evening use is not as much as formerly.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

Work with the children has been much the same as in other years. Judging by the number of sturdy lads and lassies who flock to the library every afternoon as soon as school is over, we may feel that future citizens of Westboro are learning early to form the library habit. A large revolving book-case would be a welcome addition in this room, for not only are shelving conditions crowded, but the children would enjoy seeing the new books displayed even as the grown-ups do.

EXHIBITIONS

The usual number of exhibitions have been sent from the Library Art Club. Particularly interesting to many was that on Dante including the portrait of Giotto, the meet-

ing of Dante and Beatrice in color, and other scenes in Dante's life.

In October, the Worcester Art Museum School loaned, for two weeks, their exhibition of work done by pupils of the school. This included sketches in water color, life studies in pencil, oil studies, and other work.

INVENTORY AND REGISTRATION

One book has been found since last year's report and one is unaccounted for, so that there is no net loss. If a suggestion may be offered, it is this: There are approximately three hundred books now on the shelves which might well be discarded. Their usefulness has long since gone by and they should be removed to make room for recent editions of up-to-date value. They never circulate and only serve to take up useful room on the shelves. This statement applies only in the fiction department and does not include any books which are termed as "classics."

One hundred and seventy-four names have been added to the registration making a total of 2,626 names now registered.

ACCESSIONS

Three hundred and three books have been purchased from the William Curtis fund of which 49 were replacements. Of the latter, several were "classics," such as "The Mill on the Floss," "Ramona," "Treasure Island," and "The Little Minister." The selection and addition of books is a very important task, for so much recent fiction is not worth the paper on which it is printed, that to weed out the undesirable and select the best is often difficult. In several cases, the requests of individuals have been considered and their recommendations purchased. Several calls have come for material on engineering, machinery, mechanical drawing, gasoline engines, and other books of a somewhat technical nature. Should the demand be repeated often, it

would seem necessary to add some books on these subjects, for our material is very meagre.

To the Trustees for the continued evidence of their confidence and to the assistants and janitor for their spirit of loyalty and faithfulness, I wish to express my sincere gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORA BELLE BRIGHAM,
Librarian.

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

Number of days the library has been open	296
Number of volumes delivered	35,146
Daily average	118
Largest number delivered in one day, Feb. 17	294
Smallest number delivered in one day, Feb. 5	33
Number of visits to reading room	7,766
Daily average	26
Juvenile department use	8,259
Number of books repaired and cleaned	2,382
" over-due book postals mailed	1,414
" reserve book postals mailed	359
" volumes rebound	172
" magazines bound	41
" newspapers bound	1
" art exhibitions of pictures	16
" names added to registration	174
" names registered Jan. 1, 1918	2,626

ADULT CIRCULATION BY MONTHS FROM JANUARY 1917 TO JANUARY 1918

Classes	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Periodicals and General Works	267	238	253	222	218	220	135	137	179	207	175	219
Philosophy	18	27	14	12	8	20	15	14	17	14	22	23
Religion	20	20	20	8	10	31	12	12	13	7	10	15
Sociology	35	42	39	26	31	16	11	7	16	15	20	5
Philology	1			1					1	4	2	
Natural Science	14	12	16	13	17	14	9	14	11	13	17	14
Useful Arts	21	10	27	14	12	22	26	23	22	23	12	14
Fine Arts	31	37	28	12	16	8	8	4	18	16	18	15
Literature	109	120	120	75	78	109	37	26	42	88	59	101
History	83	94	98	79	50	74	56	55	93	116	102	100
Travel	94	84	84	66	54	60	53	35	42	52	61	49
Biography	70	62	56	47	44	35	31	24	37	39	33	41
Fiction	1882	1819	2158	1791	1791	1836	1660	1599	1656	1661	1762	1745
Total	2645	2565	2913	2366	2329	2445	2053	1950	2147	2255	2293	2341

JUVENILE CIRCULATION BY MONTHS FROM JANUARY 1917 TO JANUARY 1918

Classes	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Periodicals and General Works	36	25	32	11	15	19	14	30	5	14	4	12
Philosophy												1
Religion	4	10	3	7	3	4	1		1	6	3	2
Sociology	11	22	15	17	10	14	12	4	11	16	13	13
Philology			1									
Natural Science	11	17	43	29	9	9	6	12	12	11	12	14
Useful Arts	9	6	2	6	10	6	2	8	6	6	8	4
Fine Arts	6	9	7	9	11	2	6	4	4	10	9	3
Literature	11	20	19	16	16	18	10	4	14	16	10	7
History	21	17	22	17	15	10	4	4	10	18	13	11
Travel	10	8	17	13	10	8	6	6	9	6	3	8
Biography	7	8	8	12	5	4	3		2	10	5	10
Fiction	512	475	580	535	506	521	371	387	288	409	520	480
Total	638	617	749	672	610	615	435	459	362	522	600	565

CIRCULATION BY MONTHS

January	3,283
February	3.182
March	3,662
April	3,038
May	2,939
June	3,060
July	2,488
August	2,409
September	2,509
October	2,777
November	2,893
December	2,906
Total	35,146

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION AND PER CENT FOR THE YEAR

	No. Vols	Per cent
Periodicals and General Works	2,687	7.65
Philosophy	205	.58
Religion	222	.63
Sociology	421	1.20
Philology	10	.03
Natural Science	349	.99
Useful Arts	299	.85
Fine Arts	291	.83
Literature	1,125	3.20
History	1,162	3.31
Travel	838	2.38
Biography	593	1.69
Fiction	26,944	76.66
Total	35,146	100.00

REPORT OF READING ROOM USE FOR THE YEAR

January	686
February	656
March	800
April	700
May	675
June	750
July	375
August	283
September	742
October	791
November	760
December	548
Total	7,766

REPORT OF JUVENILE DEPARTMENT USE FOR THE YEAR

January	1,263
February	745
March	858
April	618
May	606
June	580
July	632
August	375
September	435
October	800
November	719
December	628
Total	8,259

ACCESSIONS

Number of volumes in the library January 1, 1917.....		18,503
Increase of volumes by purchase (town)		
Circulation department.....	0	
Reference department.....	0	
Increase of volumes by purchase (Wm. Curtis fund)		
Circulation department.....	251	
Reference department.....	3	
		254
Increase of volumes by binding periodicals		
Circulation department.....	39	
Reference department.....	3	
		42
Increase of volumes by gift		
Circulation department.....	23	
Reference department.....	10	
		33
Number of volumes added.....		329
" " worn out, not replaced.....		21
" " worn out, but replaced.....		46
" " lost, but replaced.....		3
" " unaccounted for.....		1
" " found since last report.....		1
Net increase.....		308
Number of catalogued volumes in the library.....		17,132
" uncatalogued volumes in the library.....		1,679
" volumes in the library January 1, 1918.....		18,811
" pamphlets given.....		35
" periodicals and newspapers subscribed for	51	
" periodicals and newspapers given.....	12	
Total number of periodicals and newspapers.....		63

EXHIBITION OF PICTURES FROM LIBRARY ART CLUB

		photographs
Jan. 9 to Jan. 29.	Algiers.....	55
Jan. 30 to Feb. 19.	Kindergarten lithographs.....	29
Feb. 20 to Mar. 12.	Great War in Europe, No. 1.....	
Mar. 13 to Apr. 2.	Panama Canal.....	65
Apr. 3 to Apr. 23.	Panama Exposition.....	71
Apr. 23 to May 14.	German color prints.....	22

May 22 to June 11.	Swedish life and costumes	54
June 12 to July 2.	European War, No. 3	
July 3 to July 23.	English book illustrators	68
July 23 to Aug. 13.	Moscow and Nizhni-Novgorod	80
Aug. 14 to Sept. 3.	Rhodesia	43
Sept. 4 to Sept. 24.	Boston playgrounds	41
Oct. 2 to Oct. 22.	Fairy-tale fountain	35
Oct. 30 to Nov. 19.	Dante	25
Nov. 20 to Dec. 10.	Buckingham Palace, pt. 8	30
Dec. 11 to Dec. 31.	Verona, pt. 2	76

PERIODICALS ON FILE IN THE READING ROOM

Weekly

*America
*Canal Record
*Christian Register
*Christian Science Journal
*Christian Science Sentinel
*Churchman
Collier's
Graphic
Harper's Weekly
Life
Literary Digest
Nation
Outlook
*Pilot
Saturday Evening Post
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
*Westborough Chronotype. On file only.
Woman Citizen
Youth's Companion

Monthly

American Boy
American Cookery
American Magazine
American Review of Reviews
Art World
Atlantic
Bookman
Boys' Life
*Brown Alumni Monthly
Century
Country Life in America
Current Opinion
Delineator
Harper's Magazine
Home Progress
Little Folks
Munsey's
Musician
National Geographic
Nineteenth Century
North American Review
*Our Dumb Animals
Outing
Popular Mechanics
Popular Science
Public Libraries

Educational Review
Everybody's
Fortnightly Review
Forum
Garden Magazine
Good Housekeeping
Harper's Bazar
Reader's Guide
Scientific Monthly
St. Nicholas
Scribner's
*Sunset
World's Work

Semi-Monthly

Dial, The

Bi-Monthly

Bird Lore
Cumulative Book Index

Quarterly

Among the Deep Sea Fishers

FLORA BELLE BRIGHAM,
Librarian.

*Gift

Curtis Library Fund

The Trustees of the William Curtis Library Fund submit the following report.

There has been purchased from the income of this fund for the year 1917, books and periodicals for the Westborough Public Library as follows:

Circulating department	300	volumes
Reference department	3	"
Periodicals bound, circulation department	39	"
Periodicals bound, reference department	3	"
Total	345	"

Magazines for reading room 51

The condition of the Trust Fund is given in the financial statement annexed.

CHARLES S. HENRY,
FRANK W. FORBES,
IRVING E. WALKER,
Trustees.

CHARLES S. HENRY, Treasurer,

In account with the Trustees of the William Curtis Library Fund.

DR.

Dec. 31, 1916			
Amount of fund		$14,136 00	
Amount of unexpended income		343 32	
			$14,479 32
Dec. 31, 1916			
Unexpended income	$343 32		
Income of 1917	522 92		
		$866 24	

CR.

1917			
Paid out for books	$459 99		
" periodicals	114 20		
" binding	77 64		
" printing	1 75		
" postage	50		
		654 08	
Dec. 31, 1917. Unexpended income		$212 16	
Amount of fund		14,136 00	
Expended over income of 1917		131 16	
			$14,479 32
Dec. 31, 1917			
Amount of fund			$14,136 00
Amount of unexpended income			212 16
Total fund and income			$14,348 16

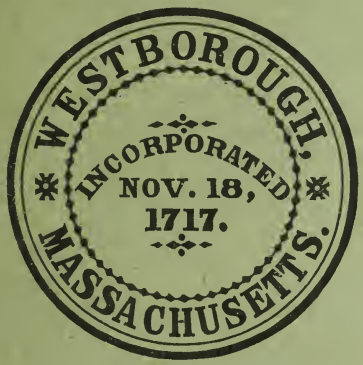
C. S. HENRY,
Treasurer.

027
W523R
1918

REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of Town Library



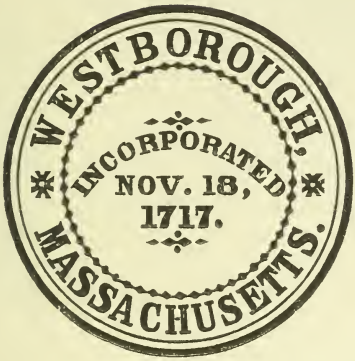
1918

Westborough, Mass.
CHRONOTYPE PRINTING COMPANY
1919

REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of Town Library



1918

Westborough, Mass.
CHRONOTYPE PRINTING COMPANY
1919

Library

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Henry L. Chase	Term	expires	1919
Melvin H. Walker	"	"	1919
Emma S. Nourse	"	"	1919
Abbie F. Judd	"	"	1920
Joseph H. Reilly	"	"	1920
Elizabeth G. Harrington	"	"	1920
Frank W. Forbes	"	"	1921
Charles S. Henry	"	"	1921
Walter C. Metcalf	"	"	1921

BOARD OF ORGANIZATION

Melvin H. Walker, *Chairman*
Frank W. Forbes, *Vice Chairman*
Abbie F. Judd, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Charles S. Henry

BOOK COMMITTEE

C. S. Henry F. W. Forbes A. F. Judd
E. G. Harrington W. C. Metcalf

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

M. H. Walker E. S. Nourse J. H. Reilly H. L. Chase

ART COMMITTEE

A. F. Judd E. S. Nourse C. S. Henry

Librarian - Flora Belle Brigham
Assistant Librarian - Gladys Ainsworth
Janitor - Charles S. Marshall

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

H. W. KIMBALL, Treasurer, in account with the
Town of Westboro, Mass., Public Library Trustees.

DR.

To appropriation	$800 00	
Dog Fund	412 69	
receipts at library	104 49	
receipts from Geo. N. Smalley fund	987 48	
receipts from Susan L. Bowman fund	40 40	
		$2,345 06

CR.

By amount paid librarians	$1,021 98	
" " janitor	515 04	
" " for fuel	424 43	
" " for lighting	62 30	
" " for insurance	78 90	
" " for water rates	6 50	
" " for sewer assessment	2 25	
" " for carting ashes	8 25	
" " for inspection of boiler	2 00	
" " for seed and fertilizer	2 50	
" " for rolling lawn	1 75	
" " for repairs	29 73	
" " for supplies	53 83	
" " for stationery and printing	48 64	
" " for binding	43 96	
" " for publicity work	43 00	
		$2,345 06

LYMAN BELKNAP FUND

Jan. 1, 1918	DR.	
To amount of fund as reported		$2,000 00
Dec. 31, 1918	CR.	
By deposit in:		
Worcester County Institution for Savings	$1,000 00	
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	1,000 00	
		$2,000 00

INCOME ACCOUNT

Jan. 1, 1918	DR.	
To unexpended income as reported	$744 52	
dividends on deposit in Worcester County Institution for Savings to July 1, 1918	51 22	
dividends on deposit in Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank, to July 1, 1918	51 22	
dividends on deposit in Westborough Savings Bank to Aug. 1, 1918	8 40	
		$855 36
Dec. 31, 1918	CR.	
By deposit in:		
Worcester County Institution for Savings	$319 38	
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	319 38	
Westborough Savings Bank	216 60	
		$855 36

SUSAN L. BOWMAN FUND

Jan. 1, 1918	DR.	
To amount of fund as reported		$1,000 00
Dec. 31, 1918	CR.	
By deposit in Westborough Savings Bank		$1,000 00

INCOME ACCOUNT

Jan. 1, 1918	DR.	
To dividends for 1918 on deposit in Westborough Savings Bank		$40 40
Dec. 31, 1918	CR.	
By amount paid to Trustees of Public Library		$40 40

GEO. N. SMALLEY FUND

Jan. 1, 1918 DR.		
To amount of fund as reported		$20,000 00
Dec. 31, 1918 CR.		
By investments in railroad and municipal bonds	$19,336 25	
cash deposited in Worcester Five Cent Savings Bank	663 75	
		$20,000 00

INCOME ACCOUNT

Jan. 1, 1918 DR.		
To amount of unexpended income reported	$700 00	
income from investments received in 1918	805 08	
		$1,505 08
Dec. 31, 1918 CR.		
By amount paid treasurer Public Library trustees	$987 48	
rent of safe deposit box	10 00	
balance deposited in Worcester County Institution for Savings	507 60	
		$1,505 08

H. W. KIMBALL,

Treasurer.

During the year 1918 the library has been of greater use to the public than in any other year since it was built, although in a different way than was ever planned. In the spring the trustees voted to offer the upper part of the building for the use of the Westborough Branch of the Red Cross, knowing that the room then occupied by that organization was too small for its increasing activities. This offer was gratefully accepted and since then many people have acquired the habit of coming to the library who seldom came before. The women of the town have become

familiar with all parts of the building and realize its value as a real community center when needed.

The document room in the basement has been seated with chairs from the upper hall and has been used once a month by the Woman's Club for its Library Extension course, when there have been talks on the new books added to the library and kindred topics, with readings from the books under discussion. These meetings have been open to all who were interested and have had an appreciable effect on the circulation of the books recommended. The library has also been used for a collection of clothing for the Belgians and as a receiving station for delicacies which were contributed for the District Nurse Association and distributed by them at Christmas time.

The statistics of this report were compiled by the librarian, Miss Brigham, up to December 1st, when she was given indefinite leave of absence to go to the U. S. Naval Hospital in Chelsea, Mass., to have charge of the library and to entertain convalescent men in the wards. The summons was sudden and the trustees appointed the secretary of the board to take the place of acting librarian, which position she still holds.

It does not seem strange that the book circulation has fallen off 2,551 during the year, because of war work, interest in daily newspaper and magazine reading, etc. The library was closed three weeks in the autumn because of the influenza, and the daily average of books delivered is the same as last year.

Visits to the reading room are 2000 more than last year. Juvenile visits have been 3000 less. The revolving bookcase asked for by Miss Brigham in last year's report was given for the children's room and still the shelves are much congested. It is a problem to solve the matter, although doubtless some of the old books could be weeded out to make room for new, but this should be done carefully as many

of the old books are of more value than some new children's books and might well be replaced with fresh copies.

The librarian's suggestion that at least 300 books in the main stack room might well be discarded to make room for new volumes seems wise even though the figures might be revised. Some of this work can be accomplished gradually by withdrawing a book that has outlived its usefulness as soon as it is worn out and not replacing it. Even after doing this there would still remain a good deal of dead timber in the shape of books that are never taken off the shelves and are entirely out of date for reading. It is not wise to discard old favorites occasionally called for and the weeding out should be done with discretion.

At the present time we are trying to give the children one new book a week, but with a weekly addition of only four books this is not always possible. The little ones keenly enjoy a fresh, new book occasionally, and are well-mannered, respectful and appreciative of every attention. We need a number of replacements of standard children's books at once.

It will be the effort of the acting librarian and her efficent assistants to help library patrons in every possible way to find such books as they may desire and to suggest books to those who seek advice. Reference work will gladly be undertaken at any time. It is gratifying that so many new comers to town have promptly sought out the public library and have registered their names for cards. It shows that they are desirable citizens and have come from communities where libraries were valued. The number of names now registered is 2700.

In accordance with the will of the late Elmer P. Howe, Esq., of Boston, we expect to receive the sum of $500 for library use.

We recommend for library purposes for the year 1919

an appropriation of the Dog Fund ($377.50) and an additional sum of $1,000 and the receipts of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

ABBIE F. JUDD,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

Number of days the library has been open	277
Number of volumes delivered	32,585
Daily average	117
Largest number delivered in one day, March 2	325
Smallest number delivered in one day, November 11	35
Number of visits to reading room	5,189
Daily average	18
Juvenile department use	5,233
Number of books repaired and cleaned	2,202
" over-due book postals mailed	1,279
" reserve book postals mailed	260
" volumes rebound	88
" magazines bound	32
" art exhibitions of pictures	15
" names added to registration	143
" names registered Jan. 1, 1919	2,700

ADULT CIRCULATION BY MONTHS

January	2,570
February	2,559
March	2,762
April	2,270
May	2,071
June	1,968
July	1,997
August	2,191
September	2,035
October	929
November	2,276
December	2,303
Total	25,931

JUVENILE CIRCULATION BY MONTHS

January	597
February	666
March	787
April	656
May	574
June	576
July	441
August	434
September	391
October	222
November	617
December	693
Total	6,654

USE OF READING ROOM FOR THE YEAR

January	603
February	663
March	576
April	574
May	505
June	393
July	276
August	259
September	420
October	251
November	350
December	319
Total	5,189

USE OF CHILDREN'S ROOM FOR THE YEAR

January	667
February	434
March	643
April	622
May	475
June	455

July	250
August	258
September	364
October	172
November	435
December	458
Total	5,233

ACCESSIONS

Number of volumes in the library Jan. 1, 1918		18,811
Increase of volumes by purchase (town)		
Circulation department	0	
Reference department	0	
Increase of volumes by purchase (Wm. Curtis Fund)		
Circulation department	202	
Reference department	2	
		204
Increase of volumes by binding periodicals		
Circulation department	32	
Reference department	0	
		32
Increase of volumes by gift		
Circulation department	17	
Reference department	22	
		39
Number of volumes added		275
" " worn out, not replaced		108
" " worn out, but replaced		18
" " lost, but replaced		1
" " unaccounted for		2
Net increase		165
Number of volumes in the library Jan. 1, 1919		18,976
" pamphlets given		55
" periodicals and newspapers subscribed for		51
" periodicals and newspapers given		10

EXHIBITION OF PICTURES FROM LIBRARY ART CLUB

Jan. 1 to Jan. 21. The Menace of the Submarine.
Jan. 22 to Feb. 11. Sir Anthony Van Dyck.
Feb. 19 to March 11. French Chateaux.
March 19 to April 8. Buckingham Palace, part 6.
April 16 to May 6. The Great War in Europe, No. 8.
May 7 to May 27. Fisheries.
May 28 to June 17. The Great War in Europe, No. 4.
June 18 to July 8. Buckingham Palace, part 10.
July 9 to July 29. Mother Goose.
Aug. 6 to Aug. 26. Belgium, No. 2.
Aug. 27 to Sept. 16. The War in Europe, No. 5.
Sept. 24 to Oct. 14. The Animal Kingdom.
Oct. 29 to Nov. 18. The War in Europe, No. 6.
Nov. 26 to Dec. 16. Old Newburyport houses.
Dec. 16 to Jan. 1. Woman's Work in the War.

PERIODICALS ON FILE IN THE READING ROOM

Weekly

*America
*Canal Record
*Christian Register
*Christian Science Journal
*Christian Science Sentinel
Collier's
Graphic
Harper's Weekly
Life
Literary Digest
Nation
Outlook
*Pilot
Saturday Evening Post
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
*Westborough Chronotype. On file only.
Youth's Companion

Monthly

American Boy
American Cookery
American Magazine
American Review of Reviews
Atlantic
Bookman
Boys' Life
*Brown Alumni Monthly
Century
Home Progress
House Beautiful
Little Folks
Munsey's
Musician
National Geographic
Nineteenth Century
North American Review
*Our Dumb Animals

Country Life in America
Current Opinion
Delineator
Educational Review
Everybody's
Fortnightly Review
Forum
Garden Magazine
Good Housekeeping
Harper's Bazar
Harper's Magazine
Outing
Popular Mechanics
Popular Science
Public Libraries
Reader's Guide
Scientific Monthly
St. Nicholas
Scribner's
*Sunset
World's Work

Semi-Monthly

Dial, The

Bi-Monthly

Bird Lore
Cumulative Book Index

Quarterly

Among the Deep Sea Fishers

*Gift

Curtis Library Fund

The Trustees of the William Curtis Library Fund submit the following report:

There has been purchased from the income of this fund for the year 1918 books and periodicals for the Westborough Public Library as follows:

Circulation department	202	volumes
Reference department	2	"
Periodicals bound, circulating department	32	"
	236	"
Magazines for reading room		51

The condition of the Trust Fund is given in the financial statement annexed.

CHARLES S. HENRY,
FRANK W. FORBES,
IRVING E. WALKER,
Trustees.

CHARLES S. HENRY,

In account with the Trustees of the William Curtis Library Fund.

DR.

Dec. 31, 1917. To amount of fund.....			$14,136 00

INCOME

Dec. 31, 1918. Unexpended income	$212 16		
Amount of income for 1918.....	548 46		
		$760 62	

CR.

1918			
Paid for books.....	$342 42		
" periodicals	131 50		
" binding books.....	36 45		
" Library Art Club.....	6 00		
" postage	60		
		$516 97	
Dec. 31, 1918. Unexpended income.....		$243 65	
Dec. 31, 1918. Amount of fund.....			$14,136 00

CHARLES S. HENRY,

Treasurer.